



Case Report Summary

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Case

Case Number: 2014-00035835
Location: 3371 N HWY 59
MERCED, CA 95340
Reporting Officer ID: SH0294 - HICKS

Incident Type: SC1144
Occurred From: 11/17/2014 11:30
Occurred Thru: 11/17/2014 11:30
Disposition:
Disposition Date:
Reported Date: 11/17/2014 11:47 Monday

Offenses

No.	Group/ORI	Crime Code	Statute	Description	Counts
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Subjects

Type	No.	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB/Age
ADDITIONAL OFFICER	1	MCSO, OROZCO					
DECEASED	1	NUSBAUM, LUKE NEAL	[REDACTED]		WHITE	MALE	03/12/1992 22
NEXT OF KIN	1	NUSBAUM, DANIEL	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		MALE	
NEXT OF KIN	2	NUSBAUM, IRIS CORINA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		FEMALE	

Arrests

Arrest No.	Name	Address	Date/Time	Type	Age
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Property



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Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.
12/08/2014	EVIDENCE	TVS, RADIOS, STEREOs, ETC			1-001 XRAY DISC	21440	1
12/02/2014	SAFEKEEPING	VEHICLE	HOND	CYCLE		21489	1
11/26/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			X-RAY DISC	21304	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			CLOTHED PHOTODISC	21124	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			BLUE PLAID BOXERSHORTS	21121	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			GREY/BLUE STRIPE SWEATSHIRT	21120	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			WHITE T-SHIRT	21119	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			GREEN SWEATSHIRT	21118	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			1 PAIR GREY SOCKS	21117	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			1 PAIR GREEN SOCKS	21116	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			BLUE JEANS	21115	1
11/18/2014	SAFEKEEPING	MISCELLANEOUS			PURPLE SWEATSHIRT	21114	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			AUTOPSY PHOTODISC	21112	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			DNA CARD 2	21111	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			TISSUE SAMPLES	21109	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			TOXICOLOGY	21108	1
11/18/2014	EVIDENCE	MISCELLANEOUS			DNA CARD	21107	1
11/17/2014	CORONER	DECEDENT			NUSBAUM,LUKE03/12/1992	21106	1

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
12/08/2014 07:57	Type: Intake	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN	
	Code: CORONER				
	Tag Number:	21440			
	Remarks:				

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Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Intake	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	
	Code: INITIAL				
	Tag Number:	21489			
	Remarks:				
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Release	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		nusbaum, sam	
	Code: CORONER REL TO FAMILY				
	Tag Number:	21489			
	Expected Return Date:				
	Remarks:				



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11/26/2014 15:45	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SHM0092-TARA FONTANA 21304		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	

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Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 14:40	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21124		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/18/2014 14:42	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA 21124		UCMPD, HER 411	

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Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 13:40	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21121		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:39	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21121		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
12/02/2014 09:25	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN 21121		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO FAMILY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21121		nusbaum, sam	



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11/18/2014 13:40	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21120		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:44	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21120		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
12/02/2014 09:24	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN 21120		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	

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11/18/2014 13:39	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21119		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:44	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21119		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
12/02/2014 09:23	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN 21119		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO FAMILY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21119		nusbaum, sam	



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11/18/2014 13:39	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21118		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:44	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21118		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
12/02/2014 09:20	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN 21118		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	

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11/18/2014 13:38	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21117		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:39	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21117		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
12/02/2014 09:18	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN 21117		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO FAMILY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21117		nusbaum, sam	



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		21116			
11/21/2014 10:39	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
		21116			
12/02/2014 09:18	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	
		21116			
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO FAMILY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		nusbaum, sam	
		21116			

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11/18/2014 13:37	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
		21115			
11/21/2014 10:44	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
		21115			
12/02/2014 09:14	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	
		21115			
12/16/2014 13:03	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO FAMILY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		nusbaum, sam	
		21115			



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11/18/2014 13:37	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21114		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:44	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21114		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
12/02/2014 09:16	Type: Intake Code: INVESTIGATIONS Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0274-ARLENE GUZMAN 21114		SH0294-JACKIE HICKS	

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Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 11:21	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21112		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
11/21/2014 10:39	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS 21112		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	

Chain of Custody

Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 11:20	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21111		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	

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Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 09:39	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER 21109		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
06/29/2018 13:54	Type: Release Code: DESTROYED or DISPOSED Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0641-GUSTAVO ESCOBAR 21109		ACT ENVIRO ADVANCED CHEMICAL TRANSPORT	



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11/18/2014 09:37	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
		21108			
11/18/2014 15:32	Type: Release Code: SENT TO TOX LAB Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA		CENTRAL VALLEY TOXICOLOGY	
		21108			

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Date	Transaction	From	From Role	To	To Role
11/18/2014 09:36	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
		21107			
11/21/2014 10:39	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO INV AGENCY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		SH0085-RUBEN OROZCO	
		21107			

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11/17/2014 12:30	Type: Intake Code: INITIAL Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0294-JACKIE HICKS		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
		21106			
11/18/2014 09:36	Type: Release Code: AUTOPSY Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA		SH0377-MARK SUPER	
		21106			
11/18/2014 11:51	Type: Intake Code: AUTOPSY Tag Number: Remarks:	SH0377-MARK SUPER		SH0390 -NICHOLAS NAKAMURA	
		21106			
12/12/2014 14:56	Type: Release Code: CORONER REL TO FH Tag Number: Expected Return Date: Remarks:	SH0295-MARK MORTON		JK MORTUARY	
		21106			

Vehicles

No. Role	Vehicle Type	Year Make	Model	Color	License Plate State
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CORONER REPORT 3

SUPPLIMENTAL REPORT:

DANIEL NUSBAUM, FATHER OF LUKE NUSBAUM CONTACTED THE UNDERSIGNED DEPUTY CORONER REQUESTING THAT THE MANNER OF DEATH ON HIS SONS DEATH CERTIFICATE, ORIGINALLY DETERMINED TO BE A SUICIDE BE CHANGED TO AN “ACCIDENT”. I INFORMED DANIEL THAT I COULD NOT CHANGE THE MANNER OF DEATH ON HIS SON’ DEATH CERTIFICATE, BUT THAT I WOULD HAVE CORONER’ SGT M RUIZ CONTACT HIM SO THAT HE COULD DISCUSS THIS REQUEST WITH SGT RUIZ.

SGT RUIZ CONTACTED DANIEL AND THEY DISCUSSED HIS REQUEST. AFTER SPEAKING WITH DANIEL AND REVIEWING THE DEATH OF LUKE NUSBAUM WITH FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST MARK SUPER, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WHILE THE MANNER OF DEATH COULD NOT BE AMENDED TO THAT OF AN ACCIDENT, IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO AMEND THE MANNER OF DEATH ON THE DEATH CERTIFICATE FROM “SUICIDE” TO “COULD NOT BE DETERMINED”.

SGT RUIZ RECONTACTED DANIEL AND INFORMED HIM OF DOCTOR SUPER’ SOLUTION WHICH SATISFIED DANIEL’ REQUEST.

ON 05/02/2018 A “PHYSICIAN/CORONER’S” AMENDMENT WAS PREPARED AND ATTESTED BY DOCTOR SUPER WITH THE AFORE MENTIONED CHANGE TO THE MANNER OF DEATH. I SUBMITTED THE AMENDMENT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR PROCESSING.

SUPPORTING CAUSE DOCUMENTATION:

A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT WAS SAVED TO THE DOCUMENT SECTION OF THE CASE FILE.

CASE STATUS:

CLOSED

ARGUELLES 5726/JDA 05-03-18

***** APPROVED BY S-8 M.RUIZ 5/4/18 *****

CORONER REPORT 1

**REPORTABLE CRITERIA:
REPORT OF SUICIDE.****DATE/TIME REPORTED:
11/17/2014 AT 1151****REPORTING PARTY/AGENCY:
ASHLEY/RIGGS AMBULANCE****INVESTIGATING AGENCY/OFFICER:
MCSO/OROZCO****CASE SYNOPSIS:**

On 11/17/2014 AT APPROXIMATELY 1157 I RECEIVED A CALL FROM MCSO DISPATCH INDICATING THAT THERE HAD BEEN A WITNESSED SUICIDE AT CVT TRUCKING ON N. HWY 59 IN MERCED AND THAT MCSO DETECTIVES WERE ENROUTE AND A CORONER RESPONSE WAS REQUESTED. I INFORMED DR. MARK SUPER WHO ACCOMPANIED ME TO THE SCENE. UPON ARRIVAL WE MET WITH DET. SGT CHUCK HALE WHO WAS SAFEGUARDING THE DECEDENT INSIDE A "CRIME SCENE PERIMETER MARKED WITH YELLOW CRIME SCENE TAPE". SGT. HALE INDICATED THAT DETECTIVE RUBEN OROZCO WAS CURRENTLY INTERVIEWING AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BUSINESS OPERATED AT THE ADDRESS WHO HAD WITNESSED THE DECEDENT ENTERING THE PROPERTY.

THE DECEDENT REPORTEDLY HAD "JOGGED" ONTO THE PROPERTY THROUGH THE SOUTHERN MOST ENTRANCE GATE REGULARLY USED FOR ENTRANCE AND EXIT BY THE COMPANIES TRUCKS AND WAS NOT FOR PUBLIC USE. A MECHANIC FOR THE TRUCKING COMPANY SAW HIM AND CALLED OUT TO HIM. THE DECEDENT DID NOT SPEAK OR SLOW DOWN BUT WHEN SPOKEN TO, "DARTED" OFF. THE EMPLOYEE WENT TO CONTACT A SUPERVISOR WHO THEN CALLED OUT TO THE DECEDENT WHO BEGAN RUNNING FASTER AND ULTIMATELY RAN UP THE METAL LADDER THAT IS PART OF A ESTIMATED 60 FT. SILO ON THE PROPERTY WITH A CONCRETE BASE AT THE BOTTOM AND LEAPT OFF IN WHAT THE WITNESS DESCRIBED AS A "SUPERMAN" KIND OF JUMP UPON REACHING THE TOP. THE WITNESS DESCRIBED THE DECEDENT JUMPING HEAD FIRST WITH HIS ARMS STRETCHED OUT IN FRONT OF HIM AS HE DESCENDED TOWARDS THE GROUND. THE DECEDENT LANDED SUPINE ON THE CONCRETE PLATFORM. RIGGS AMBULANCE RESPONDED AND PRONOUNCED HIM DEAD AT 1144 HOURS. THE BODY HAD REPORTEDLY NOT BEEN MOVED FROM THE POSITION IT WAS FOUND IN AT THE BASE OF THE SILO.

I PHOTOGRAPHED THE DECEDENT AS I FOUND HIM. HE IS AN ADULT MALE, PROBABLY CAUCASIAN IN RACE, APPROXIMATELY 5 FOOT 7 INCHES IN HEIGHT AND VERY THIN. HIS EYES ARE LARGE AND DEEPLY SUNKEN; THERE IS AN ABRASION TO HIS LEFT CHEEK. HIS SKIN IS PALE. HIS HAIR IS BLACK, MEDIUM IN LENGTH AND CLEAN. HIS TEETH ARE VISIBLE AND IN GOOD REPAIR. HIS NAILS ARE MANICURED AND CLEANED. HE IS FULLY CLOTHED EXCEPT FOR SHOES. (FULL DESCRIPTION OF CLOTHING IS IN AUTOPSY REPORT). THERE ARE ABRASIONS NOTED ON HIS RIGHT HAND AND KNUCKLE AREA. THERE IS NO JEWELRY PRESENT ON THE BODY. THERE IS NO PERSONAL PROPERTY, MISCELLANEOUS OR IDENTIFICATION ON THE DECEDENT'S BODY OR IN HIS CLOTHING. AFTER DR. SUPER PERFORMED A BRIEF EXTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THE DECEDENT'S PERSON HE ASSISTED ME IN REMOVING THE DECEDENT FROM THE SCENE AND TRANSPORTING HIM TO THE CORONER DIVISION FOR COMPLETE EXAMINATION.

UPON MY RETURN TO THE CORONER DIVISION THE DECEDENT WAS FINGERPRINTED AND THE PRINTS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF'S ID UNIT WHO WERE UNABLE TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION. THE PRINTS WERE THEN FORWARDED TO FBI, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND MUPS WITH NO RESULTS FOUND. A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WAS HEADED BY DEPUTY SHERIFF/CORONER KEITH MC CLAIN AND INCLUDED THE DEPUTY CORONER STAFF, DR. MARK SUPER AND DETECTIVES RUIZ, SANCHEZ AND OROZCO TO DISCUSS ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE AND POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION. AS OF 11/25/2014 IDENTIFICATION HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

BLUNT IMPACT HEAD, THORACIC AND PELVIC INJURIES WITH AN INTERVAL OF IMMEDIATE. THE MANNER IS SUICIDE.

**DOCTOR CERTIFYING CAUSE OF DEATH:
DR. MARK SUPER****ACTIONS TAKEN:**

SCENE RESPONSE. PHOTOGRAPH SCENE. INTERVIEW DETECTIVES PRESENT. TRANSPORT BODY AS JOHN DOE TO CORONER DIVISION. FINGERPRINTED BODY. AUTOPSY.

EXTENSIVE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY BODY (INVOLVING MPD, APD, UC MERCED, MERCED COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MENTAL HEALTH, CALIFORNIA DOJ (MUPS) AND MULTIPLE OFFICERS. OBTAINED AND VIEWED VIDEO FOOTAGE FROM SECURITY CAMERAS AT SCENE ON HWY 59.

**SUPPORTING CASE DOCUMENTATION:
RIGGS PCR. MUPS REPORT. FINGERPRINT SUBMISSIONS TO MULTIPLE AGENCIES, AUTOPSY REPORT, SKETCH OF DECEDENT FOR ID PURPOSES.**

CASE STATUS:

ACTIVE. FURTHER ACTION PENDING. HICKS 5729/11-25-2014

*****APPROVED BY SGT LEDFORD *****

CORONER REPORT 2

ON 12/01/2014 MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTY/CORONER KEITH MC CLAIN (5524) CAME TO THE CORONER DIVISION AND SHOWED ME A PHOTO HE HAD RECEIVED FROM MERCED COUNTY SHERIFF DETECTIVE SGT. CHUCK HALE WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF A COMMUNITY MEMBER RESPONSE TO THE ART SKETCH CIRCULATED OF THE DECEDENT IN THE MEDIA. THE ANONYMOUS PARTY PROVIDED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT A FACEBOOK PHOTO AND THE NAME OF LUKE NUSBAUM AS BEING RECOGNIZED FROM THE PHOTO.

THE FINGERPRINTS OBTAINED FROM THE DMV RECORD OF LUKE NUSBAUM WERE COMPARED TO THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE DECEDENT AND WERE DETERMINED TO BE A MATCH BY BOTH DEPUTY CORONER JOHN ARGUELLES AND DEPUTY CORONER MARK MORTON. UPON IDENTIFICATION OF THE DECEDENT I BEGAN A SEARCH FOR NEXT OF KIN, SENDING LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER INVESTIGATORS TO THE ADDRESS FOUND FOR DANIEL AND IRIS NUSBAUM IN BEVERLY HILLS (LA COUNTY CASE # 2014-58581).

WHILE AWAITING REPLY FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEPUTY SHERIFF/CORONER KEITH MC CLAIN AND I WENT TO AN ADDRESS ON TAHOE DRIVE IN MERCED WHICH WAS LISTED IN ACCURINT AS A POSSIBLE ADDRESS FOR LUKE NUSBAUM. I SPOKE WITH ANTHONY TURNER (04/02/1994) WHO TOLD ME THAT LUKE USED TO BE A ROOMMATE IN THE HOME BUT HAD MOVED OUT SEVERAL MONTHS PRIOR AND THAT HE THOUGHT HE NOW LIVED IN APARTMENT BY HIMSELF. ANTHONY TURNER INDICATED THAT LUKE HAD BEEN A STUDENT AT UC MERCED BUT HE DID NOT KNOW HIS CURRENT STATUS AS HE HADN'T SEEN HIM AROUND THE CAMPUS. KEITH MC CLAIN AND I THEN WENT TO AN ADDRESS ON WEST ALEXANDER THAT WAS LISTED IN ACCURINT AND FOUND THAT IT WAS THE CURRENT ADDRESS OF LUKE NUSBAUM. THE APARTMENT DOOR WAS CLOSED AND HAD SEVERAL NOTICES POSTED ON IT. A MAN FROM AN APARTMENT TWO DOORS DOWN CAME OUTSIDE AND TOLD ME THAT LUKE HAD LEFT ON HIS MOTORCYCLE A "COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO" AND HAD NOT RETURNED. THE TIMELINE WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE DATE OF LUKE'S DEATH. KEITH MCCLAIN TRIED THE FRONT DOOR OF THE APARTMENT AND FOUND IT UNLOCKED. HE OPENED IT AND WENT IN, CLEARING THE RESIDENCE. I ENTERED THE RESIDENCE AND LOOKED ABOUT. I PHOTOGRAPHED THE APARTMENT AS WE FOUND IT. THERE WAS NOTHING SUSPICIOUS IN NATURE, THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE APARTMENT HAD BEEN RANSACKED ETC. THERE WAS A BICYCLE PRESENT, A LAP TOP COMPUTER ON A TABLE IN THE LIVINGROOM. THERE WAS A SOFA PILLOW ON THE FLOOR THAT LOOKED AS IF IT HAD BEEN USED TO SIT UPON. THERE WAS ALSO A BLANKET IN A CLOSET POSITIONED AS IF IT HAD BEEN USED TO SIT IN AS WELL, THAT APPEARED ODD TO ME. THE DECEDENT'S BEDROOM APPEARED NORMAL, THE MATTRESSES WERE COVERED WITH APPROPRIATE SHEETS, BLANKETS, ETC AND WERE TURNED BACK AS ONE DOES WHEN EXITING THE BED. THERE WAS A MOTORCYCLE HELMET PRESENT IN THE APARTMENT. I FOUND NO WALLET OR PHOTO IDENTIFICATION, THERE WERE NUMEROUS PAPERS ETC. ADDRESSED TO LUKE NUSBAUM, INCLUDING A LARGE MANILA ENVELOPE FROM HIS PARENT'S BEVERLY HILLS ADDRESS; IT WAS EMPTY. WE FOUND NO KEYS TO THE APARTMENT AND I CONTACTED TINETTI PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND REQUESTED THEY SEND SOMEONE OVER TO SECURE THE APARTMENT. THE AGENT WHO RESPONDED LOCKED THE DEADBOLT AND PROVIDED ME A KEY FOR RE-ENTRY IF NECESSARY. I PLACED CORONER SEALS ON THE DOOR FOR PROTECTION UNTIL THE PROPERTY COULD BE RELEASED TO THE DECEDENT'S NEXT OF KIN, WHICH I BELIEVED WERE HIS PARENTS.

A SHORT TIME LATER I RECEIVED A CALL BACK FROM LA COUNTY WHO STATED THEY WERE AT THE RESIDENCE OF LUKE NUSBAUM'S PARENTS AND HAD NOTIFIED IRIS, HIS MOTHER AND PUT HER ON THE PHONE. I PROVIDED IRIS NUSBAUM WITH THE INFORMATION I HAD AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS SHE ASKED OF ME. IRIS STATED THAT DANIEL, HER HUSBAND WAS AT WORK AND SHE WOULD ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY HIM AS QUICKLY AS SHE COULD. I PROVIDED HER MY TWENTY FOUR HOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND TOLD HER TO CALL AFTER SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH HER HUSBAND. THE FOLLOWING DAY I NOTED A MESSAGE ON MY VOICEMAIL AND I CONTACTED DANIEL NUSBAUM TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS.

DANIEL NUSBAUM, IRIS NUSBAUM AND THEIR SON SAM CAME TO THE CORONER DIVISION AND MET WITH ME IN PERSON. WE SPOKE OF THE EVENT CAUSING HIS DEATH AND THEY SHARED EVENTS FROM THE PAST THAT THEY THOUGHT MIGHT BE RELATED TO THE EVENT. THEY INDICATED THAT LUKE HAD TOLD THEM THAT HE WISHED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY AND HAD CHOSEN TO STUDY TO BECOME A BUDDHIST MONK. MRS. NUSBAUM INDICATED SHE HAD VISITED HIM IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR AND WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT HIS WEIGHT LOSS AND LENGTHY MEDITATIONS.

I EXPLAINED TO THE NUSBAUMS THAT THE CORONER SEAL ON THE FRONT DOOR OF LUKE'S RESIDENCE WAS PLACED THERE FOR PROTECTION OF THE CONTENTS AND TO CONTACT THE MERCED POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE A REPORT PRIOR TO ENTERING THE APARTMENT IF THE SEAL HAD BEEN BROKEN. I ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THEM THE CORONER PROCESS AND MR. NUSBAUM INDICATED HE WOULD BE USING FOREST LAWN IN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOR HIS SON'S DISPOSITION ARRANGEMENTS.

OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS I HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NUSBAUMS ABOUT THE CORONER PROCESS, THE EVENT AND THE RELEASE OF LUKE'S BODY TO THE FUNERAL HOME. ON 12/12/2014 A PROPERLY EXECUTED RELEASE WAS PRESENTED BY FOREST LAWN OF HOLLYWOOD HILLS AND THE BODY OF LUKE NUSBAUM WITH THE BIOHAZARD CLOTHING HE HAD BEEN WEARING WAS RELEASED TO THE FUNERAL HOME AGENT. THE DECEDENT'S CLOTHING WHICH WAS NOT BIOHAZARD REMAINS AT THE CORONER DIVISION AS DOES THE DECEDENT'S MOTORCYCLE AND HELMET FOR DIRECT RELEASE TO HIS PARENT'S PER THEIR REQUEST. (I HAD EXPLAINED TO THEM PRIOR THAT THE BIOHAZARD CLOTHING IS RELEASED WITH THE BODY AND ALSO INFORMED THE RECEIVING FUNERAL HOME THAT THE DECEDENT'S FAMILY HAD INDICATED A DESIRE TO RECEIVE THAT CLOTHING, AND THE FUNERAL DIRECTOR INDICATED THAT WOULD OCCUR).

ON 12/16/2014 IRIS NUSBAUM AND SAM NUSBAM (MOTHER AND BROTHER OF LUKE) CAME TO THE CORONER DIVISION AND RECEIVED THE MOTORCYCLE, HELMET AND NOT SOILED CLOTHING THAT THE DECEDENT HAD WORN.

NO FURTHER ACTION. HICKS 5729/12-16-2014 JH

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